Organization Name: Northern Nevada HOPES

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Internship Site Information:
The Change Point Harm Reduction Center operates M-F, 9-5 and is a program of NN HOPES. Our services include a syringe services program (SSP) that offers sterile injection equipment and safe syringe disposal for all registered program participants, as well as free HIV and Hepatitis C testing, safe sex & hygiene supplies. An internship at Change Point will immerse you into working with medically underserved populations such as those affected by chronic disease, homelessness, mental health issues, substance abuse, as well as sex work and LGBT stigma. Duties may include; registration front desk & providing customer service & referrals to all persons in need, as well as help with our syringe services program distributing supplies & educational materials, which are crucial to reducing the spread of HIV and Viral Hepatitis. Interns are encouraged to learn about recovery & treatment programs, as well as opioid safety and overdose prevention to discuss these topics with community participants. Opportunities to learn about supply ordering and keeping a consistent inventory in order to maintain the drop in center’s operations are also stressed. Interns are able to get involved with the data collection process, as well as learn how data is used to award grants and budget requests. Some street based & testing event outreach activities will be available on weekends as well. Monthly team trainings to improve harm reduction skills are encouraged.

Number of Internships Available: 2-3

Student Requirements:
1. Willingness to learn about harm reduction as alternative to abstinence only skills
2. Willingness to obtain cultural humility skills and tolerance
3. Independent project working skills
4. Good communication skills for other volunteers, staff, and clients
5. Ability to be flexible as daily activities shift

How will student obtain this internship position?
Email rharding@nnhopes.org to obtain a current application form indicating our agency background check fee is $42 and that all checks can be made payable to Northern Nevada HOPES. Once your application has been submitted & approved we will call you to schedule an interview appointment. At your interview we will ask a series of questions based on your student volunteer/internship application interests and we will then determine the best placement for you as a new student within our Harm Reduction and Outreach Team. After a position is assigned and accepted the background check fee form and check for $42 will be volunteer orientation manual for new students to finalize the process. Once all processes are complete HOPES can then have the new intern start their shift with the appropriate team.

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